

near shore areas to protect the people during cyclones. So far 119 cyclone shelters have been constructed in coastal villages of the Nellore district and 17 more cyclone shelters are proposed to be constructed in these areas. Based on the disaster warnings all precautionary measures are taken to mitigate the hardship caused by cyclonic disaster. Further, the State Government have taken efforts to provide house sites in the elevated places by acquisition of land, for rehabilitation of people living in low lying areas. Also the Non-Governmental Organisation are bearing 50% of the expenditure with the State Government towards constructions under Fishermen's Housing Scheme.

[Translation]

#### World Bank Assistance for Power Sector

5232. SHRI CHITRASEN SINKU : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the World Bank has agreed to provide a loan of fifteen lakh American dollars to the Government for making the Power Industry in Bihar self dependent;

(b) if so, the details of the Projects to be started with the World Bank loan;

(c) the time by which the work on the said Projects is likely to be started;

(d) whether the Government propose to allocate power generation, transmission and distribution work to different companies;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the Government propose to dissolve the Bihar State Electricity Board after the implementation of the said Projects ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b) The World Bank has made available a project preparatory Facility (PPF) of US 1.5 million dollars to Bihar to undertake diagnostic studies for reform/restructuring the State Power Sector.

(c) to (d) The Government of Bihar have appointed consultants to conduct a study in two phases on restructuring of the power sector in the State.

(e) and (f) Government of Bihar has set up a Steering Committee under its Chief Secretary to take a view on the recommendations received by it of the first phase of the study which has been completed.

[English]

#### Central Electricity Authority

5233. SHRI AMAR PAL SINGH :  
SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to streamline the functioning of the Central Electricity Authority;

(b) if so, whether the Committee on Tariff Regulation also propose to give its recommendations; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard and the extent to which the CEA would be made more functional ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) Steps to streamline the functioning of the Central Electricity Authority have been initiated by the Ministry of Power.

(b) The Government have set up an inter-ministerial committee to study alternative tariff structures and suggest changes that may be necessary, with the ultimate objective of enabling availability of least cost power to the State Electricity Boards. The Committee is in the final stages of its deliberations.

(c) The recommendations of consultant in this regard are awaited, where after specific steps would be taken to bring about the requisite changes.

[Translation]

#### India Habitat Centre

5234. SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH CHAUHAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the total membership allotted by the 'India Habitat Centre' upto August, 1996;

(b) the details of criteria laid down for allotting membership;

(c) the reasons for acceptance of the applications of the persons who applied for membership alongwith the criteria on which the applications were accepted and the objectives of the institution in this regard;

(d) the time by which the said centre would be completed for utilisation by the members;

(e) whether in future the membership is proposed to be increased; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) (i) 6144 individual membership (ii) 163 Corporate membership.

(b) and (c) Applications received from the public are screened by the Sub-Committee of the Governing Body of India Habitat Centre (IHC) and membership is offered to such applicants who are expected to contribute to the Habitat objectives for which the centre is set up.

(d) It has been reported that though the facility centre is ready for commissioning, its utilisation depends on the outcome of the pending litigation.

(e) and (f) As the centre has yet to become operational, future membership cannot be decided at this stage.

#### Wasteland Development in Bihar

5235. SHRI BRAJ MOHAN RAM : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the projects sanctioned/approved under the wasteland development programme for Bihar;

(b) the details of the project pending for clearance and the reasons therefor;

(c) the time by which these are expected to be given approval;

(d) the number of projects financed by World Bank under the Plateau/Waste Land Development Programme;

(e) the details of the projects currently under implementation; and

(f) the time by which the projects financed by the World Bank are likely to be implemented in Bihar ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VERMA) : (a) The details of the projects sanctioned/approved under the Wasteland Development Programme for Bihar since creation of Department of Wastelands Development in July, 1992 to 31.3.96 are given in Statement-I.

(b) and (c) Details of the projects pending for clearance with reasons therefor are given in statement II. Sanction/approval of projects depend upon their viability, conformity with the guidelines of the relevant scheme and availability of budget. No time-limit can be indicated for the approval/sanction of any project.

(d) to (f) Presently, no project financed by the World Bank specifically for the wasteland development is under implementation through the Department of Wastelands Development in the State of Bihar.

#### STATEMENT-I

State : Bihar

S.No.	District	Project period	Total Project Cost (Rs. in lakhs)	Total physical Target (ha.)	Project Sanctioned to	Purpose
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
<b>INTEGRATED WASTELANDS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT SCHEME</b>						
1.	Chatra	1993-94 to 1996-97	138.45	1445	District Rural Development Agency	Wasteland Development and awareness raising.
2.	Lohardaga	-do-	248.66	2670	-do-	-do-
3.	Garhwa	-do-	114.21	1295	-do-	-do-
4.	Gaya	-do-	433.37	5470	-do-	-do-
5.	Nawada	-do-	288.37	3620	-do-	-do-
6.	Deoghar	1994-95 to 1997-98	331.60	4400	-do-	-do-